

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic JANE'S HOUSE, Creekside Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Cumberstone Road, south side not for publication

city, town Cumberstone vicinity of congressional district

state MD county AA

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> X </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Sue H. Murray/Sally M. Edwards (parcel #247, 70 acres)

street & number Cumberstone Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Harwood state and zip code MD

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber 2550

street & number folio 695

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. AA-905

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☐ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Jane's House was constructed originally with one room down, one room up, and an enclosed staircase inside the east corner. The frame house measured 8'8" wide by 9'8" deep and faced southeast.

In 1928, a full-width front porch was added. In 1930, a rear kitchen/bath wing (1-story) was added at the north corner. In 1931, this rear north wing was balanced by the addition of a living room wing at the rear west corner. By 1936, the two rear wings were connected by a full-width screened porch. (See accompanying floor-plan sketch drawn c. 1936 by Reaney Kelly, occupant from c.1929-37.)*

One final addition (1-story) was made in 1969 at the east side, in front of the kitchen wing.

* J. Reaney Kelly was the author of several books of local history, including Quakers in the Founding of Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

8. Significance

Survey No. AA-905

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Jane's House was built c.1896 by Mr. James Murray for Jane Ward and family. Jane was the black nurse hired to care for Mr. Murray's son Edmund Churchill who was born in May 1897. Mr. Murray built his own house "Creekside" in 1895 on a portion of the Cedar Park farm (AA-141) where he had grown up.

James Murray's parents, Dr. James Murray and Fanny Cheston Murray, had moved from Harwood, Md. to Warrenton, Va. during the Civil War in support of the Confederacy. Young James was born there in 1868. The Murray family returned to Md. in 1869 and settled at Cedar Park in Cumberstone. Apparently they brought with them from Virginia some of their employees, including Henderson and Margaret Warner and 10-year old Jane Warner. Margaret may have been the nurse for young James as her daughter Jane would later be for James' son Edmund Churchill.

By the time of the 1880 Federal Census¹ Jane Warner had married Charles Ward, a Md. native, and they had an infant daughter² Sophia. Jane's parents the Warners were living with them. In the 1900 Census² Charles and Jane Ward's household, including Jane's father, was listed adjacent to the household of young James Murray, including his wife Susie and 3-year old son Edmund Churchill. This juxtaposition in the Census list indicates that the two families were immediate neighbors living, apparently, at "Jane's House" and "Creekside" respectively.

Beginning in 1928 Jane's House was occupied by a succession of Murray family members and friends. Today, one of Churchill Murray's daughters, Sally Murray Stotz, lives in Jane's House. Her brother, James, occupies the main residence at Creekside, now called "Land's End". Her late sister Marjorie Murray Bridgman's family occupies the Cedar Park residence.

This information on Jane's House was compiled in 1985 as part of the Galesville Black History Survey conducted by the A.A. County Committee of the Md. Historical Trust.

¹ 1880 Fed. Census, First Election Dist., A.A. County, Md., Page 61.

² 1900 Fed. Census, First Election Dist., A.A. County, Md., page 3.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. AA-905

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Deale, Md. 1957; revised 1979

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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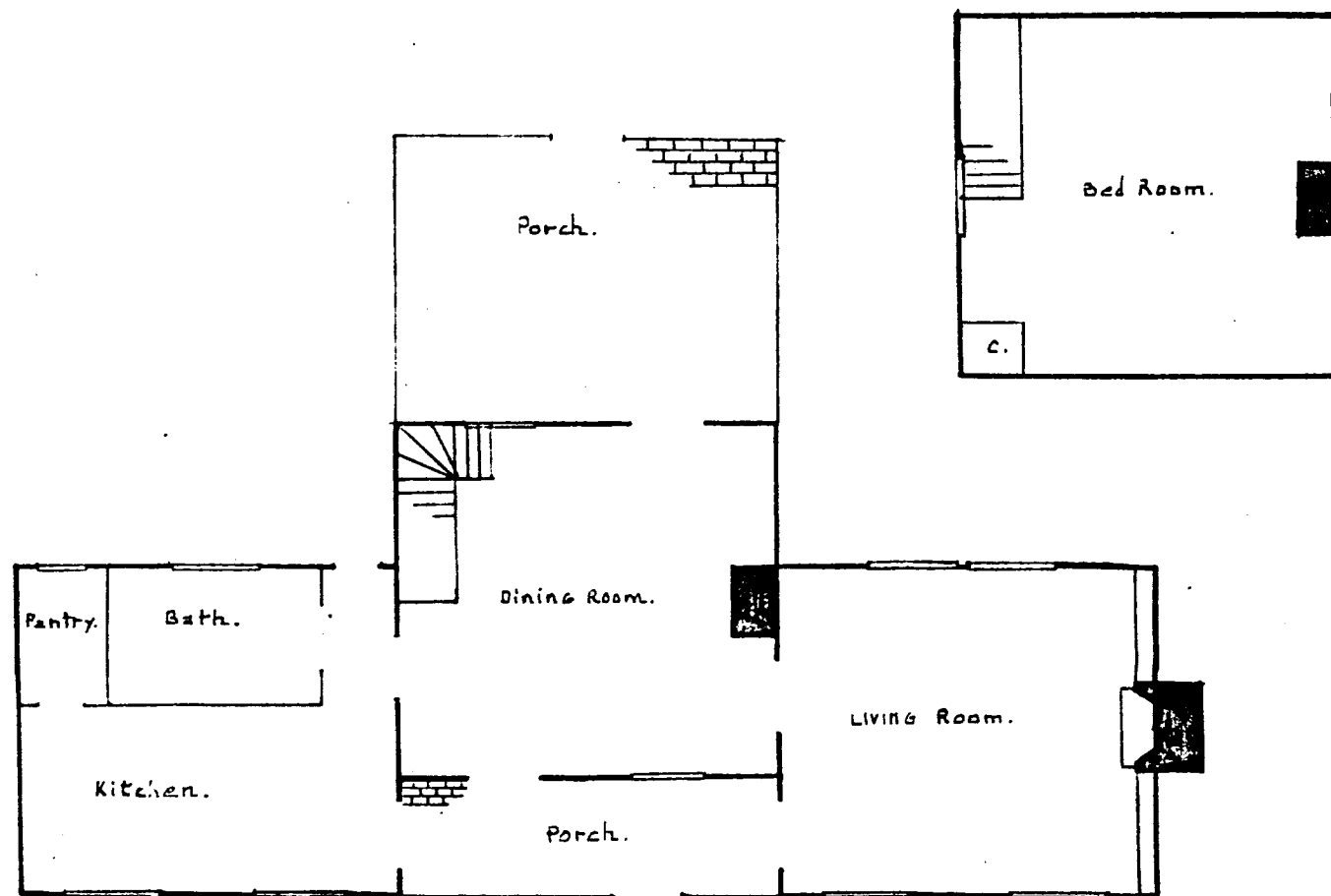
11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan R. Wetherill, Volunteerorganization Anne Arundel Co. Committee/ MHT date 11/87street & number P.O. Box 1573 telephone _____city or town Annapolis state MD 21404

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

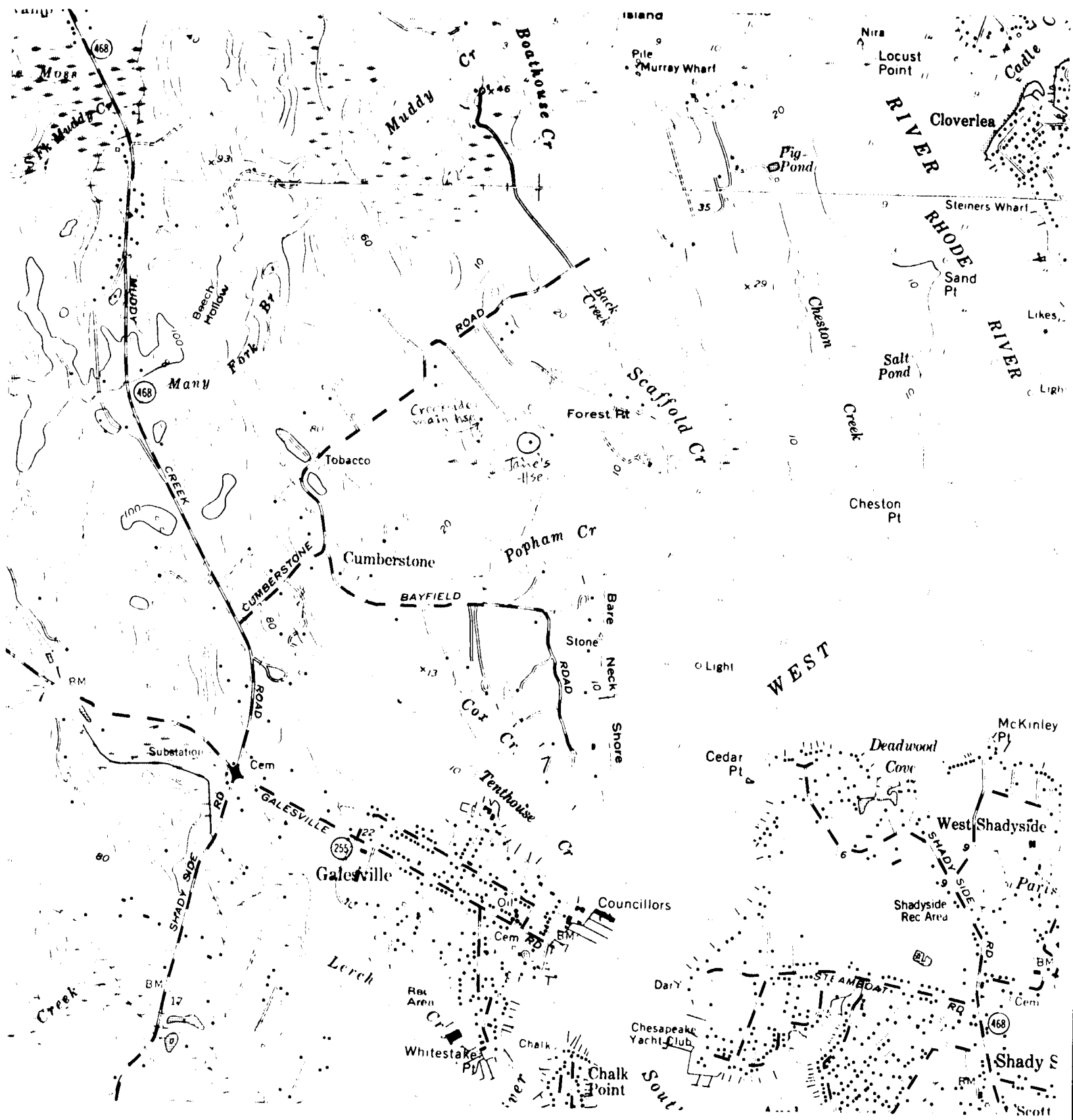
The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The present dining-room
and bed-room were the
original house. - R.K.

AA-905
Sketch by Reaney Kelly ca. 1936



AA-905 JANE'S HOUSE, CREEKSIDE FARM

USGS Map 1957 - Revised 1979

Deale; MD. Quad.

1:24,000 scale



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JANE'S HOUSE, Creekside
Cumberland Farm

A.A. Co. MD

S. Wetherill, 3/85

NW elevation



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NW elevation



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JANE'S HOUSE, Creekside Farm
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S corner